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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in regard to the settlement reached in the antitrust case brought against Microsoft. I believe the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable, and I do not think that the case should be dragged out more than it already has been. Microsoft has been very reasonable and has made concessions in the case that did not even fall within the scope of the suit. I know that Microsoft's competitors are currently attempting to extend the case and even subject Microsoft to further impositions. I do not believe this is necessary.

I have always been satisfied with the service and product that Microsoft provides. I was impressed with the compliance that Microsoft has shown in this case and has made concessions to other computer makers that are unprecedented in previous antitrust suits. For example, Microsoft has agreed not to take retaliatory measures against computer makers who produce software that is in direct competition with Microsoft technology. Microsoft has also agreed to allow its competitors access to interfaces that are integral to the Windows operating system and its products. Microsoft was not let off the hook.

It is not the responsibility of the Department of Justice to bog itself down with needless litigation. There are better things to be done with their resources. Microsoft has paid whatever debt to society that they may have owed.

Best regards,

Marianne Grant